of welfare scheme for the weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Government of Uttar Pradesh had sought funds for implementing two centrally sponsored welfare schemes in the handloom sector in the State. These schemes are known as Workshed *-cum-*Housing Scheme and Thrift Fund Scheme.

(b) and (c). As per specific proposals received from Government of Uttar Pradesh, funds under these two schemes were sanctioned to the State for construction of Wrokshed-*cum*-Houses for handloom weavers and for brining weavers under the coverage of Thrift Fund Scheme. A sum of Rs. 131. 125 lakhs was sanctioned as central share to the State of Uttar Pradesh for construction of workshed and Workshed-*cum*-Houses for weavers during the Seventh Plan. In addition, in 1991-92, sanction under the head was Rs. 28.75 lakhs. For Thrift Fund Schemes, Uttar Pradesh was sanctioned a sum of Rs. 18.90 lakhs as the central share for implementation of the scheme.

Cases pending in High Courts and Supreme Court

1839. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts as on date, Court-wise;

(b) the number of cases out of them pending in Supreme Court and various High courts for more than 40, 30,20,15,10 and 5 years, respectively, court-wise;

(c) whether any cases are peding for more than 50 years from the date of the institution in the trial Court; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to clear the arrears of cases pending in the said Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER IF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Judge strength has been increased from time to time. Procedural improvements and modifications to speed up disposal of cases have been made. The various Courts have taken suitable steps such as grouping of cases involving common questions of law, constitution of specialised benches, etc. The various recommendations of the Arrears Committee's Report, which went into the problem of arrears in the High Courts have been forwarded to all concerned such as State Governments, Central Ministries and all the High Courts for necessary follow-up action.

The Benches have been so constituted in the Supreme Court that they function for a longer period and work so allocated that similar matters are posted before the same bench.

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India Development Bonds

1840. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:
SHRI BHAGEEY GOBARDHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: